## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Draft Environmental Assessment Mount Molly Loop Trail Reroute Project Capitol State Forest

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide partial funding to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to reroute and rebuild a damaged section of the Mount Molly Loop Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail in the Capitol State Forest in Thurston County, Washington.

FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The EA evaluates project alternatives and compliance with applicable environmental laws and Executive Orders including the 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1) No Action, (2) Proposed Action (or Preferred Alternative) toward which FEMA would contribute funding to DNR to construct a section of motorized recreation trail.

The project is located near Larch Mountain in the northern half of the Capitol Forest, approximately 10 miles southwest of Olympia, Washington. The Mount Molly Loop Trail is a 7.7-mile long motorized trail open to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorbikes, mountain bikes, and hikers. The other unnamed trail damaged by the landslide is a motorized trail open for the same uses. The proposed trail reroute is approximately 1 mile long. DNR closed the damaged sections of both trails to all recreation use following the 2007 landslides due to the unsafe conditions. The damaged trail sections and proposed trail reroute are located within Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Section 36 and Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Section 1.

The Draft EA is available for viewing at the following locations:

Olympia Timberland Library
313 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE
Olympia, WA

McCleary Timberland Library
121 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street
McCleary, WA

FEMA website:

http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region10.shtm

DNR website:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Pages/Home.aspx

If no substantive issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and fund the project. The Final EA and FONSI will be available for viewing at the FEMA website noted above. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, Mark Eberlein, no later than 5 p.m. on November 30, 2011. Comments can be:

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